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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,200*
Filed: *February 13, 2001*
For: *Method for Withdrawing and Dewatering Slag
from a Gasification System*
Inventors: *John D. Winter, et al.*
Attorney Docket No: *06950.0167.DVUS02*

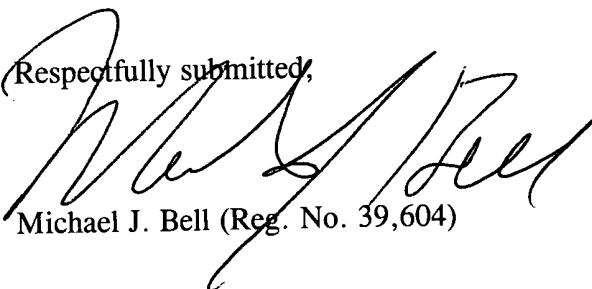
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1. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;
2. Substitute Drawings in Compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84, including Nine (9) sheets of drawings figures (Figs. 1, 2A-2E, 3A-3B, and 4-9);
3. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

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In response to the **Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted** dated April 11, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

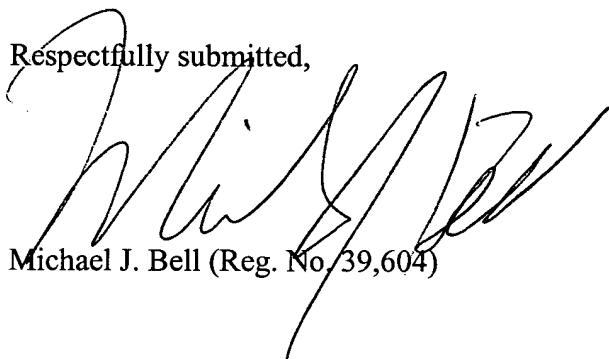
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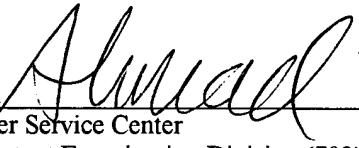
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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